

PERSONAL REPORT.
of
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In reviewing the past one is always confronted by the difficulty of accounting for all the time that has gone but as each day goes by it is full to the brim and slopping over on all sides.

I take it that this report should cover the time since I last reported and so I must go way back into last June and start. I had to leave Annual Meeting early because of a very bad accident, which cost me a great deal of money, to the church in the country which I undertook to build. The work on this church has just been completed and it is a big load off my mind although not yet off my pocketbook. This work has meant almost daily conferences with the workmen for planning and directing and ~~frank~~ trips out to the place, about 20 li away, every week or so since I came back from Annual Meeting.

Most of the Summer was spent in catching up in back work that had piled up on me before Annual Meeting and the monotony of this was relieved somewhat by two trips, one to Kangkei and one to Seoul.

As I had been commissioned by the Mission to make this trip to see what could be done about the Bible Institute Building this summer I tried to go as soon as I could but did not get off until Tuesday July 24. This was right in the middle of Rainy season so I had a more or less (principally more) unpleasant trip. The first day during an awful down pour of rain I got as far as Yengben and was very cordially received by Miss Estey of that station. That day proved to be the worst day of the trip, however, and the next day I caught up with my load and horse, which had gone on ahead and traveled in two days what it took me one day to do. I traveled the next two days, Thursday and Friday, with the horse riding a few li ahead and then sitting down in a nice shady spot while the horses came up. Saturday morning I left the load and went into Kangkei reaching there about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

I spent a most pleasant four days in Kangkei visiting with my brother along with the work I had to do. The work was easily accomplished and the next Thursday at 5:30 A.M. I once more mounted my "tin Lizzie" and started for home. I made Heuichun that night at 10:30 as I intended to do when I started out but of course the last 40 li had to be done by moonlight. The remaining 150 li was easily made by 2 o'clock the next day, ~~the~~ the train left at about 2:30 and by 6:45 I had surprised Mrs. Campbell with my arrival at home. Both on the way up and on the way down the Church in Heuichun were very cordial and gave me the best of receptions.

The second trip was not so important as the one just recounted but it took a good day to make it. The American Consul called on all true American citizens who were within the draft ages to come to Seoul and register for Military service and as I count myself an American citizen I made the trip.

With the opening of school my work became more regular and ordered but none the less varied. There have been so many hours each day teaching the boys in the Academy Algebra and English. I have taken my turn every other week in leading Chapel at the Academy with great profit to myself but with how much to the boys I do not know.

The general oversight of work around the Station takes some of my time as usual and this year on account of the heavy floods in the Stream where we get our ice my work in this line ~~was~~ increased. When Dr. Sharrock came back from furlough he relieved me of the burden of the hospital which had been partly mine when he was away.

In the Shops things have continued as they always have. We are very busy now and we hope to keep so all winter long. There is a scarcity of carpenters in this town now and for that reason we are very short handed. There is nothing special to tell about the work. We are making a lot of stoves now as well as mending the community's water pipes and drains. The work in the Carpenter department is of a varied nature and it is hard to say just what we are doing. The boys make small tables and small cases with sliding doors and we sell a great ~~last~~ many of these. Each time I report I say these things and as they have not changed since the last time I will let these few words suffice.

Something over a month ago the man who has been the Secretary and office man at the Shops for the past year and who was my teacher and secretary before that decided that he must have more education. He has marked ability in Language work and just by himself had gotten a fair knowledge of English so that he wanted more. He got an opportunity for more study, especially of English and so left for the school in China.

When he first warned me that he wanted to go I started to look for a man to fill his place and several persons suggested a man who had worked in the shops for several years as assistant carpenter, so to speak, and because his strength was not the best had left and undertaken the work at the hospital of selling the tickets. I did not like to ask for this man and at first said that I would not, but on thinking about it he seemed so well fitted for the place in the shops that I went down and talked the matter over with Dr. Sharrocks. He agreed with me that the man was eminently qualified for my work and after a time he changed places and came to the shops. Since he has come everything has gone on as before and he has fitted in just as it was thought he would. He understands all about the work and knows just how much a thing should cost so that it is not necessary any more when estimating to call in the head of the department to ask how much time will be required for a certain piece of work.

Just at the present time there is a very grave situation confronting me in regard to the Shops. The man who has been so long in charge of things in the Carpentry department and has done such good work there wants to leave. He never has been as strong as he might have been since I have known him and lately his state of health has been getting worse. He has to stay home on account of sickness on the average of one or two days every two weeks now and he is making regular daily visits to the Hospital. He wants to do the work in the shops but he feels that there are better men than he is to be gotten and as his health is in this condition he feels that he is more than ever unable to keep on. He says that the only reason he has stayed this winter is that things have not been going as well as they might in the shops and he does not think of quitting while things are thus. I am endeavoring to find another man who can come in and after some training under this man eventually take his place.

The man in charge of the Iron work department seems to be about to leave also and it is necessary to have some one else in his place. This man had not a thought of leaving up till a month ago but at that time he received a letter from his home church near Kangkei asking him to come and be their missionary. They hold out to him the prospect of going on in this line of work and after a few years

of training and service, the course in the Seminary and a career as a pastor. I do not think that he will make a very good one in this line of work and told him so. I think that if he would stick to the work he is now doing, in which he shows marked ability, he could go ahead and become something. He said at first that he did not know what he would do but asked me to pray for him. He finally decided to write to the church and tell them that he would come if it really seemed best that he should but that he thought he would fit better here. Since writing the letter there has been no further word in the matter and just how it will come out I do not know. The man who was with us a year ago and was making such a brilliant success in this department went to Seoul for further study in the Y.M.C.A. and is doing very well. We hope that he will be back in April to assume charge of things once more.

I said a little above that things were not going just as they ~~was~~ should in the Shops. Well that is so and what I have just related is part of what is not right. Also that boys do not do as well as they are going to. A number of our best boys graduated last April and some others did not come back to school and still others were taken for better jobs. This caused an unusually large number of new boys to have to be taken in. Also the schedule in the school was changed so that some of the boys that we used to have in the morning have become afternoon boys leaving the morning with only two old boys to do the work. We depend on the older boys to largely teach the new ones so the morning became rather trying for the teacher who has not an excess amount of patience with the boys anyway.

I have done a little in the line of drawing plans as usual. I have completed the plans for my own house and hope the Station will see fit to approve them. Besides this I have completed a preliminary draft of a second plan for the Theological Seminary in Pyongyang but have not heard whether they were acceptable or not. I made one set last spring which were not acceptable.

All this time of which I am writing I have not had the load of language study on my mind and so I have been enabled to give more time to other things. My work still continues to be of a very miscellaneous character, however so as before it does not make good material for reports.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of his knowledge in every place. For we are a savor of Christ unto God, in them that are saved, and in them that perish; to the one a savor from death unto death; to the other a savor from life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

And such confidence have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God; who also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the Knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves; we are pressed on every side, yet not straightened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of also of Jesus may be manifested in our body.*

What now follows is a humble testimony to the faithfulness of these words, according to the experience of Syenchun Station of the Chosen Mission of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. In a year when retreat and retrenchment, deficits and shortage of funds, hard times and unemployment, and such like cries have been on every hand, our work has gone steadily on and advance made at almost every point. We have put our confidence in God, the ever faithful one, and he has proved himself "able to do abundantly above all we can ask or think." Not always has the advance been according to our imperfect ideas and feeble plans, and many things which we have hoped and prayed for have apparently not, in his infinite wisdom, been granted but as we stand and look back over the year, we see his gracious, loving hand in it all and know that everything, including the apparent denying up to the present, of some of our askings has been for his glory. We accept it all with deep reverence and thanksgiving and go forward to a new year with renewed assurance that he is faithful who has promised and know He will keep his unchanging and unchangeable, holy Word.

A few years ago the question was on many lips as to when this Station would close and the entire work be turned over to the Koreans. Also we heard rumblings about "anti-missionary" feelings among the brethren in the church but we believe now that, if there was anything to all this, other than one or two over-zealous individuals, it has disappeared and that the spirit of co-operation and love prevails. As one witness to this fact we record the celebration by the Wisan Presbytery of 25 years of service by Dr. Lampe. While the actual 25 years

*II Cor. 2:14-16, 3:4-5, 4:5-10.

has not yet passed, according to the Korean method of counting, this time has arrived and the celebration was held. They secured Mrs. Lampe's presence for the day, and with her and Dr. Lampe sitting on the platform, suitable exercises were carried out, in which they recounted the work ~~the work~~ which had been done in the four counties along the Yalu River through Dr. Lampe, and then presented many gifts of brass, silk, and money. They were much pleased when Dr. Lampe turned the money over to the missionary fund of the Presbytery to carry the Gospel further into places where it is still unknown. The celebration is worthy of note, not only because it marks another stage in the history of the Station, but because it shows the love and esteem in which the brethren hold their friend and leader, Dr. Lampe.

Dr. Lampe is our only link with the work of this presbytery and for the record of the Lord's doings, which are marvelous in our eyes, in this district we rely on his report of the work. Statistics could be quoted which would show the gains made and the losses suffered, but these are dry reading so will not be resorted to. However the many encouraging figures far out-weigh the sad ones so that a net gain is shown. It is not the numbers which show the true state of things, anyway, but the small incidents which occur in the lives of God's children in the church that reveal the true progress which is being made.

Before taking up some of these incidents, however, we wish to make record of one material advance in this presbytery, namely the increase in the volume of church building this past year. Not only are many new buildings being erected but much better and finer ones than in the past. This advance represents, in practically all cases, the overcoming of great difficulties and much faith and sacrifice. Church buildings in the rural and outlying districts in Korea are never beautiful, classic, architectural masterpieces nor highly decorative edifices such as one in America would think of, but they are substantial buildings with neat appearance which are set apart for the Worship of God and their beauty consists in the sacrifice which made them possible.

Dr. Lampe records an incident in one of his trips which shows what heights faith in, and love for the Saviour can reach in Korea. For the first time in his missionary career, he was prevented, by fatigue and illness, from attending and conducting the evening worship in the small place where he was. In this land conditions make it necessary for some one always to stay at home to watch the house when the family goes to church. On this occasion when the Helper of the circuit with the host and his family had departed for church, the young couple who were left to watch the house had their own evening worship service. They first sang a hymn - if one could call it singing, though to the Lord we are sure it was - Then the woman offered a prayer. It was not a short one, and as far as Dr. Lampe, in the next room, could hear, covered the range of her desires for home, church and community. A passage of Scripture was then read and commented on, not in the manner of on-lookers, but getting the sense for their own living. Then the man followed in another long prayer, going over again the same points and asking that their lives might be conformed to the words they had read. No wonder at the solid Christian strength of that family. That young woman was married into this family while it was still heathen and went through fires of persecution until she first won her husband and then,

with him, the whole family. They are the strongest Christian home in that church: They are poor - some folks would not use their house for a dog kennel, but they are giving riches untold in the things of God. How we praise Him for saints like these!

During the past winter a strange incident happened at Syeng Myen. The names of these places may not mean much to you readers but for the lack of anything better we will use the real names of the places. The family of a woman possessed of a demon asked the church officers to come pray for her delivery, as is often done in this land. This they did and, according to Korean custom in such cases, asked the name of the spirit and if he was going to leave. They received the reply that he was leaving and, in answer to the further question as to where he was going, he said that he was going to a certain house, giving the name, in a place called Sa Myen. The helper of the circuit was told of this and some time later, when passing through Sa Myen, asked concerning the family in this house, as to whether they were all well, etc. He received the reply that one of their women was just recently possessed of a demon.

This presbytery has three churches across the Yalu River, the International border, in China and Dr. Lampe was asked to visit them. In spite of the troublous times in that country these three churches have sprung up in place of only one which he formerly visited. The communities seemed to be enthusiastic in the church life though exceedingly poor. The unsettled condition does not seem to disturb them very much, though the robbers, either singly or in bands, often come and take what they please. It was reported that a band of Chinese soldiers was near one of the places and Dr. Lampe encountered them. Since the overthrow of the Government in Mukden, these bands are under no command but their captain and each of these does what seems right in his own eyes, protecting you or possessing himself of what you have, even to the clothes on your back, as the fancy strikes him. An ex-Chinese soldier, a Korean, attached himself to Dr. Lampe's party as he came to the village and whispered something to the guard, probably that this was only a harmless missionary crank, with the result that nothing was said and the party passed the lines unmolested. He was very glad, however, to return to the Korea side of the river.

The Nongchun Presbytery adjoins the one we have just been writing of and is the one most recently set off from the parent presbytery. There is no member of the Station who has any direct connection with this presbytery so that we do not get a detailed report of the work there from which incidents or other matter can be taken for inclusion here. However there is complete and hearty co-operation between these brethren and the Station and, when occasion calls for it, we go and give them what help they desire, so that we know the work there has made the same general progress. Thus while we cannot report any of the interesting causes for praise which we know there are, we can rejoice with them and be assured that his faithfulness is being manifested there.

There are three presbyteries within the territorial bounds of this Station, two of which, mentioned above, were set off from the North Pyeng An Presbytery, which has always had center of activity here in Syenchun. So it is with this work that we come in closest contact and with which most of us are familiar. The story of the past year's work in this presbytery is one in which we can all have a part and greatly

rejoice.

For some time the whole missionary body in Korea has felt the need for a revival and the call to prayer for this has gone out a number of times. We have felt this very deeply for our own field and particularly the nearer part of it, that with which we come in most constant and intimate contact. From the first we heartily joined in praying for a general revival but were particularly burdened for our own field. All this year, and for some time before that, the daily prayer meeting of Station members has been held and we have waited on God for an outpouring of His Spirit. Earnestly would we pour out our hearts and earnestly would we work but no great movement took place. About the middle of the year we began to see that there were certain things taking place, increased attendance in the Bible Institutes and general classes being the thing which sort of focused our attention to the matter and we began to count the blessings and found that the revival was indeed on and we were not realizing it. It was not according to our ideas of a revival and we almost missed it, but, praise His name, it is a revival and according to His gracious purposes. There are many situations in the church and among its members which have not yet cleared up, there is still much lack of power, there is still much sin among the nominal members, and, to put it short, there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed so that we have not ceased our prayers nor the earnestness of our pleading, but we record below some of the blessings received with thanksgiving and praise to His holy Name.

Mr. Ross, the honored senior missionary of our Station, has had for some years past the privilege of bearing the witness in the markets of this and other nearby towns. His ministry has been greatly blessed and many are the results of his preaching. His course of action is simple, selecting a place where there are a lot of people, he puts up his text, written in very large letters on white muslin, and, after the singing of a hymn together with such helpers as there may be, he begins to expound the text. Then tracts are given out and invitation given to any who wish "to believe". Any who indicate a desire have their names recorded and sent to the pastor of the church nearest where they live.

One of the drawbacks in this work which Mr. Ross has felt, has been the lack of any material help from the local church people, especially the officers. Great encouragement was experienced this spring on one of the trips to a nearby market which fell on a Sunday. Word had been sent ahead to the local church pastor so that when Mr. Ross stepped off the train he found a group of church officers waiting for him. These proceeded with him to a place in the market suited for preaching, being a space set off by barbed wire and roofed over for some purpose, and the preaching was started in the usual way. The church people followed with their testimony and for over two hours the preaching went on uninterrupted. When Mr. Ross took time out to eat a little lunch the Koreans carried on the meeting. On returning, however, Mr. Ross found the crowd very greatly diminished as, to use his own words, "the monkey was not on hand". The return of "the monkey", however, soon brought the crowd back and the witness went on until within a few minutes of train time, when all went to the church service where Mr. Ross had the privilege of giving a short message. The fine spirit of co-operation and help shown by these church officers, and their staying with it to the

end was a very encouraging sign, one of the indications of the revival.

One of the privileges of Mr. Ross this past year has been the conducting, in conjunction with the Hospital evangelists, of a special study class in the rudiments of the Faith for those who just stepped out into it. There have been many this winter who "decided to believe" but did not know much about what they were to believe and were willing to come to Syenchan for varying periods and learn what it meant. The curriculum of this course has been very loose and elastic because there was no set time for starting and finishing and the need was varied. Sometimes there would be a group of three or four, or even more, and sometimes just one. Some would stay a few days and others two weeks or more. Nevertheless many received instruction in what was involved in this new "doctrine" and, as a result, there are many young men out in the new groups with a greater grasp of the Faith than otherwise would have been.

Miss Hanson and Mrs. Ross have carried the burden of the out-of-town Evangelistic work for women this past year. In regard to women's work, we don't say we are "undermanned" but we certainly have been decidedly "underwomaned". We hope the coming year will see Miss Covington back on the field to help take care of the great opportunities which are open in this department of work. Miss Hanson has had the privilege of conducting eight classes in the country and Mrs. Ross six during the winter. These classes were attended with much blessing and many "new believers" have resulted. Some were in mining towns where sin and wickedness abounded. We have God's own sure word, however, that where sin abounds Grace does much more abound and one more proof of this blessed fact was added to the sum total in one of these classes. The town is exceedingly wicked, and houses of ill-fame and drinking shops are desperately in evidence. To our utter dismay, it was discovered that two of these houses are managed by women who at one time had been so-called Christians. Though deeply dyed in sin, they expressed a desire to forsake their wicked life and trade. The town had a population of about ten thousand and the three year old church was small but, through the tireless efforts of the consecrated Helper and Bible Woman, it has made phenomenal progress and conditions were quite ripe for a special out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

The evening meetings were well attended and increased gradually until on Sunday, the last service, over three hundred filled the small auditorium to its utmost capacity. Every night there was a hearty response to the message - by both men and women - and on the closing night the record of decisions for six days was ninety three souls. The Women's Sunday School has practically doubled in attendance and the helper has since reported the addition of twenty more new believers since the class. The Helper and the Bible Woman have had many calls to destroy and burn the idols in the homes of these new believers.

A bobbed-haired Grandmother of seventy one years of age, was among the first to believe. Shortly before the class she had taken an active part in devil worshipping rites. When unexpected calamity befell the home - the utter loss of all property - she was in a state of mind to accept an invitation to attend the meetings and on the very first night, this disheartened grandmother responded to the message of salvation and,

without any persuasion, heartily accepted Christ as her saviour. Throughout the six days she came to every meeting and, with beaming face, drank in the message that brought peace and comfort to her soul, once weary and sin-laden. Upon leaving she grasped Miss Hanson's hand and, with tears, expressed her gratitude for the salvation received.

Among others, a young doctor and his wife accepted Christ as their Saviour. He has stopped his drinking and is attending the Sunday and mid-week services most faithfully. When his unbelieving Mother visited his home to insist upon them giving up their new faith, he firmly refused, saying that he had to believe.

The improvement of the roads in this part of the country has made possible the use of the automobile for getting the Message of Salvation out to the country districts. We now have the blessing of four cars in the Station and they are kept busy. We can now do in a day what it used to take a week of very tiring and laborous travel to do. Every Sunday, unless for some cause beyond our control, some, at least, of these cars go out laden with witnesses, taking them out to preach in places where there are no Christians, or help in the services where all the believers are so new that they scarcely know what to do. This work goes on under the general direction of the Hospital Evangelist, who is the only paid worker in the group, unless it includes some member of the Hospital Staff or other worker like that on Mission salary. These, however, are being paid for their services in some other line than preaching and this witnessing is entirely voluntary. Most of the opportunities for this work come from contacts made through patients in the hospital. It is a great time with lots of bustle and enthusiasm early Sunday morning, when two or three cars gather in the yard of the hospital, and the workers are busy finding their places according to the direction of the Evangelist to go to this or that place. One by one the cars pull out loaded with Gospel Messengers, each with a supply of tracts, which are thrown out to all persons passed on the road. As Miss Hanson's car is the only one not owner driven, there is usually a missionary at the wheel and, as the various workers are dropped off at the places determined, to be picked up on the return trip, he is usually left with one Korean helper for the last and furthest place. Some times the workers going thus are entirely men and some times there are many women, including the ladies of the Station. During the sessions of the Bible Institutes there were many more who wanted to go than the cars could take, and the witness of the women from the Women's Bible Institute was particularly blessed.

Since the beginning of this form of work, at the time the first cars came to the Station, and which goes back farther than the past year, work has been started and continued in some twenty places. In some of these places churches have sprung up which are flourishing and are now far enough advanced so that only occasional visits are needed. Some have been taken under the care of Presbytery and pastors appointed who visit them once or twice a year and receive members, either Catechumens or full members by baptism. This is one of the most outstanding signs of the revival.

One day last fall, Dr. Chisholm and Mr. Campbell went together in one of the cars and ended up at a place about 30 miles out where there was reported to be a more or less famous Confucian scholar. This man was known to be very anti-foreign and anti-christian, so much so that

he would use no light but an old fashioned center-oil lamp, because Kereome disliked of the foreigner. The school house where this scholar taught his classics was found but as it was a Korean holiday the gentleman himself was not encountered. Making on about a mile, past many groups of houses, they came to another school of more modern variety. Though it was Sunday, school was in session but just at this time the teacher had gone home to eat and the children were playing in the yard. The teacher was soon summoned, however, and with him came a young man who had brought his baby to the Hospital for treatment some time before, thus giving an immediate contact. Both this young man and the teacher were up-and-coming young men and a service was held then and there with them and the children, and a few others who had heard of the coming of the two foreigners. Great interest was manifested, specially since Dr. Chisholm could give medical aid. It was arranged to come out the following Wednesday evening and assurance was given that there would be a good turn out. One car went early Wednesday afternoon, with Dr. Chisholm and Mrs. Campbell, who is a nurse, and a number of the hospital staff. Mr. Campbell followed later in his car with with some workers for preaching etc. The assurances of a large crowd were abundantly fulfilled and the little school house was packed to an extent far exceeding any proverbial can of sardines ever heard of. The sick were administered to and the Gospel given out until a late hour and all returned to Pyenchun, very weary in body but exceedingly joyful in spirit. The following Sunday the place was again visited but this time two men showed themselves as members of the Board of Directors of the school, to say that it was not permissible to hold Christian services in a school where, everyone, especially non-Christians, was concerned. They very politely, but very firmly, told everyone concerned that the meeting could not be held. Inquiry as to their identity brought out the fact that one was the local, so called doctor, one of the old fashioned Korean kind who had obtained his medical education by reading the classics, and help given to the sick by Dr. Chisholm would likely interfere with his business, so he did not welcome the visitors. However, the young man who had brought his baby to the hospital and was not connected with, nor afraid of, the school Board, offered his house for the meeting, with profuse apologies for its smallness. That day and the next Wednesday evening, this house was packed to the doors and, the weather being mild, many stood outside listening while both the missionaries and the Koreans, who had come with them, gave Gospel messages.

From the beginning this group has grown steadily. A number of the young men came in to Pyenchun and received instruction from Mr. Ross in the special Bible school mentioned above. The house of the young man soon became far too small and a number of the directors of the school of the famous Confucian scholar became interested. On Christmas day a meeting was held in this school house to discuss this "new doctrine" and what their attitude should be, so some of the Hospital men were present to give messages. They decided to welcome Christianity but the Confucian Scholar stood out in opposition to it all with the result that he was relieved of his duties as teacher, which he had performed for about 30 years, and a young man, one of the new believers, was chosen in his place. While the Board of Directors has not officially opened the school house to the Christians, and all the members have not believed, they have told the teacher to hold school seven days a week, but what he

teaches on Sunday is none of their concern, so long as he conducts school. The young man teaches the up-to-date subjects for six days and the Bible on Sundays, holding a Sunday School followed by church service. There is still opposition to this arrangement in the school board, and the heathen element may yet win out, but if they do the effect will be, as it so often has worked out before, that the Christians will take the ejection from the building with all grace and go off to build themselves a real church building where they can do as they please.

The above is the brief story of only one of these groups. Others would prove of equal interest if space permitted so just the account of the starting of work in the latest place will be told. There is a very large village, a little over a mile from a Railroad Station town, in a very fertile valley where a hospital patient had returned to her home. The initial exploratory visit was made one Sunday afternoon by Mr. Campbell, the Hospital Evangelist and Bible Woman. The house of the patient was soon located and a little service held in her house with only her husband and others of the household attending "officially". The "unofficial" attendance outside was very gratifying and kept increasing steadily until the time of leave-taking. The Evangelist gave a message in a very loud voice, though he was speaking to only a half dozen persons gathered in a room about 8 x 10 feet in size. There was no doubt about the "unofficial" audience hearing. Mr. Campbell did not go into the house during this service but stayed in the court yard where he was a great attraction that swelled the "unofficial" audience, and gave out tracts to all who would receive them. With the large crowd thus gathered, it was an easy matter, on leaving, to announce to the village that there would be a meeting the next evening somewhere in the valley and workers would come out from Syonhwan to tell them of Jesus. Dr. Chisholm took a careful out Monday evening and held a service in the school yard and about three hundred heard the messages. A number of subsequent visits have been made by different ones and each time the crowd has turned out and listened. The usual opposition to the use of the school premises was soon encountered but one young man who had had contact with Christianity in another place, was present and offered his house and yard. This work is still only a little over a month old, but already report has come that

the church in the town on the railroad was surprised one Sunday by about twenty people from the village walking into the church and asking for instruction and help. It is too close to this church for a new group to be established but there will be a great increase in membership in it.

As noted earlier in the report, the thing which first drew our attention to the fact of God's working among us, was the increase in attendance at the Bible institutes. The Men's Institute continues to be administered by a joint Board of Control representing the Station and two presbyteries. In previous years the attendance has been around fifty whereas there were seventy one enrolled this year. Dr. Lampe acted as principal and he, Mr. Ross and two Korean pastors, appointed by the presbyteries, composed the faculty. The usual interest was manifested by the students during the six weeks of the course and two men were graduated. It is very gratifying that the Presbyteries are assuming a part in this work and it is proposed to strengthen the joint control.

Heretofore, the attendance at the Women's institute has been between fifty and sixty but this year it went up to ninety. Miss Hanson

acted as principal, and with her, the faculty was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. Hoffman, one of the local pastors, and two of the Bible Women, who taught the regular curriculum, and Mrs. Chisholm and Mrs. Campbell who assisted in other subjects and activities. A class of five earnest women was graduated at the end of the regular ten-weeks term. The object of these Bible Institutes is for intensive and concentrated teaching of the Bible itself with a view to giving church officers and workers a thorough knowledge of what it contains. However, this year it was thought wise to add just a little other work, and an hour period each week was used for a class in Personal Work for Christ for all the students, under Mrs. Chisholm's leadership. This hour was supplemented on Saturdays and Sundays by actual work in the Markets and the homes of the town and the Monday Chapel period given over to reporting on and prayer for this work. The first and best result of this addition to the Institute was definite blessing in the lives of the women and the full extent of it will only be known when they have all gathered round the Throne. However tangible results, that can be counted, amounted to over three hundred names of those who expressed a desire to believe and receive instruction, handed in to the four local churches.

The culmination of this work took place near the end of the term when a series of three evening meetings for unbelieving women was conducted in one of the local churches by the women of the institute. Under Mrs. Chisholm's direction and the assistance of Mrs. Campbell in the singing, the meetings were conducted by the student women. A leader for the meeting was selected from their number and two or three others gave a testimony of their faith in short talks from the platform each evening and this was followed by an address particularly suited to unbelievers by an invited speaker, the Hospital Evangelist and two of the local pastors being the ones selected. These meetings were for women, but large numbers of men could not be kept from the blessing so that at least one fifth of the audience was composed of them. Christian women who attended these meetings were required to bring an unbeliever with them and when the men came, they too complied with this condition and brought many non-Christians. The invitation to accept Christ was given each evening and over one hundred decisions were made.

Still another result of this work of the Institute women and growing out of the above meetings was the establishment of a night school for women new believers which has been meeting four nights a week all spring in the Bible Institute building, at which they are taught the fundamentals of the Faith and how to read their own language, since the ability to read the Bible is one of the requirements for baptism and church membership. The attendance averages about thirty a night and has kept right up for two months or more, the women studying with great eagerness. Mrs. Chisholm has conducted the school and the teachers are volunteers among the young women in town. There are large numbers of children who wish to attend this school but, as most children in this land now days are advanced in education beyond their parents, it was found very unsatisfactory to have them together so a separate department was organized for them and Mrs. Campbell has taken charge of this.

At the close of the Women's Institute the Station was waited upon very earnestly by representatives of the student body with a request that an extra term be given to eighteen of the women who wished to take the third year work and thus complete more quickly their requirement

for graduation. They were so in earnest about the matter that the Committee waited on every member of the Station with the request, understanding that the final decision was by vote. Mr. & Mrs. Ross very graciously undertook to supply two thirds of the required teaching and one of the local pastors consented to do the remainder, so the work was given, with Mrs. Campbell acting as principal.

There are always a number of churches that are too weak to support a pastor or helper and these must be taken care of by distribution among the pastors of the presbytery. In and near Pyenchun, such churches are usually put in the care of one of the missionaries of the Station by the order of Presbytery and Mr. Hoffman has had charge of 12 of them and Mr. Ross 2 this past year, the number of such churches being increased by the work done in the outstations. Mr. Hoffman usually looks after these churches by trips on bicycle or mule, going out in the morning and coming back after service in the afternoon.

The Hospital evangelist has been mentioned in this report a number of times. The "In His Name" Hospital has evangelists and 2 Bible women, the funds coming from outside the regular income of the Hospital from various sources, as the Lord sends them in. In this way every patient who stays a reasonable time has an adequate presentation of the Gospel and is urged to accept the saviour, while each dispensary patient is spoken to as opportunity offers. This was started some years ago and certainly the Lord's own blessing has rested upon the whole work of the Hospital since. In these days when humanitarianism is so prominent in hospital work in general, remarks, that you mix religion with medicine, and that if you try to cram religion down the throats of the patients it will drive them away, are often heard. The work in our hospital has been a testimony to the falsity of these remarks. The harder the work of presenting the Gospel is pushed the busier the doctors and the more the patients come in.

The average of in-patients has been from 5 to 6 hundred for recent years but has shown a steady increase. This past year the number of in-patients went up to 865, which was an increase of over 200 above the previous year.. The number of major operations has greatly increased and the dispensary has continued to do flourishing business. It was a great help in dealing with this increase to have had the former nurses home made a part of the Hospital. While this has not yet been altered as desired, for the reception of patients, because of lack of funds, the patients have been put in. In this way we have been able to make use of one of the unused houses of the Station to help the growing work of an institution. The ladies who occupied this house have been made comfortable in one of the compound residences and now, in any case, a better home.

Number of patients is not the only blessing we have enjoyed in the hospital. The professional aspect of the work has made decided progress. Spinal anaesthesia has been increasingly used in operations with greater success and a great deal of electrical surgery has been done. The nature of the operations has been varied, running the gamut of almost all the commoner troubles and including many that are not so common. Increase in the minor surgical work, both in volume and variety, has been done, such as intubations, Spinal puncture and so forth. The night work has been quite heavy this year and the faithfulness with which the Korean physicians have been on hand for this work deserves credit, it relieving

Dr. Chisholm of a great burden.

Another phase of the work which has increased, bringing a blessing as well as being one, is the amount of charity work. Many hospitals fear this sort of thing as opening a door for people to avoid paying their legitimate bills and there is some foundation for the fear, but it has been felt that the little loss which this causes is well worth the help and comfort afforded to the many helpless cases which come. The entire attic of the hospital has been renovated and made available for charity patients and it has been full most of the time. With this increase has seemed to go the increase of the number of pay patients so that we know it has the Lord's approval. However the funds for this work are ever an uncertainty, as most of it must come from outside the hospital, and we bespeak the continued prayer and help of all our friends.

Very few hospitals get along, week in and week out, without trouble in the staff coming up, but we thankfully praise the Lord for marked freedom from this during the past year, and attribute the fact largely to the two classes for Bible study which have been held regularly each week, one for the general staff, taught by Mr. Hoffman and, later, by Mr. Ross, and the other for the Nurses, taught by Miss Hanson. Where the study of the Word and Prayer are diligently carried on The Old Roaring Lion in his going about cannot find so many whom he can comfortably devour and the roots of bitterness do not so easily spring up to trouble.

With the large increase in charity spoken of above, the accounts for the year show a book loss, but in spite of that we can praise His Name that we have been kept from financial embarrassment with ample cash on hand to meet all needs, because we claim the promise that God will supply every need of ours according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The two schools, the Sinsyung Academy for Boys and the Poyung School for Girls, have continued under the control of the joint Board of Directors, representing the Station and three Presbyteries. Mr. Chang has made decided progress in building up the institution for Boys and the Girls School has started out on a new program which we hope will prove itself good.

Our direct contact with the Boys Academy has been through Mr. Hoffman who is a member of the faculty, teaching Bible and looking after the religious interests and activities, beside a ~~general~~ ^{general} of Bible teaching in the Girls School. He feels that the work is too confining but we are certain that his post is just about as important a one as a missionary can fill.

This has been the first full year since the granting of the much-coveted designation by the Government, the modus-operandi by which they give us the privileges of being a part of their educational system while keeping the bible in the curriculum and preserving the definite Christian character of the school, which is impossible in public schools. For this reason there was no graduation this year, the class what should have been graduated dropping down a year to comply with designation status. The enrollment was over four hundred with an attendance of 371, which is more than double the former figures. We are gratified to be able to report that there are only 55 of these students which can be classified as non-christian, which makes the percentage only 14%. The school ^{offers} opportunities for practical experience in Poultry raising, Dairy-ing, Fruit growing and vegetable gardening. While definite courses in

these things are not in the curriculum, the school has sufficient part of the endowment land adjacent to the campus so that demonstrations are being given in these things, and this will prove of great benefit to the church, as the primary object of the establishment of the school is the training of the children of the church, which is so largely rural in this land.

While the schools do not confine their work to training pastors and church workers, the main feature of their object, mentioned above, is to be a source from which these leaders can come, so that they will not have to secure the necessary secular education under heathen and, all too often, anti-Christian influences. It is gratifying to hear Mr. Hoffman tell of attending the commencement exercises of the Union Christian College in Pyenyang, the Mission Higher Educational Institution to which a great many of our boys go, when out of 22 graduates ten were definitely committed to the Christian ministry and of these ten, three were graduates of this Academy. The list of the graduates of this school for the years of its existence includes many faithful pastors and church leaders, some of prominence in the work of the growing church and many, many, more-or-less obscure, tireless workers whose deeds will come to light when the diamonds for the Savior's crown shine forth.

Miss Stevens has continued her role leadership as principal of the Girls school, which has had an enrollment of 108 in the regular two year course and 6 in the special course to be told of below. The school has been undergoing a transition and this has made a great deal of work and taken much thought in working out the details. It formerly was made up of several grades of Lower school with two years of High school work at the top, the students finishing at other institutions. The past year marked the graduation of the last class from the lower school so that these grades have now entirely disappeared. The entrants became, more and more, graduates from Government and church lower schools so that the demand for the lower classes has practically disappeared. Facilities are not at hand for the development of a full high school course and we do not know whether the government would allow us to build up such a school but there is a demand and great need for a school where real Christian home-makers can be trained, getting a secular education without encountering the dangers and unpleasantnesses of the anti-Christian facilities. So Miss Stevens has a vision of building up a course in Home Vocations to introduce for the work above the two lower years of High school. This course means more than just cooking and sewing and includes such things as gardening, Poultry, training of the young, in fact everything which is related to the building of the home under the conditions found in this land. Home making in Korea, according to the old idea, was mainly confined to being able to cook enough rice and make the one variety of clothing required. As long as a ^{woman} did well these two things and knew her place, her husband was not dissatisfied. The enlightenment which is the inevitable and welcome product of God's work of Grace in the heart, brings with it a higher standard for womanhood and so a demand is growing up for home makers who can be more the equals of their husbands, and companions instead of servants. Miss Stevens hopes to build up something in the school which will, at least, attempt to meet this need. The course is, so far as we know, something new and

unique, so that only an experimental course was tried this year. While the Government permission for the try-out was readily given, it was greatly delayed in transmission by the local office, so that sufficient notice could not be sent out to the public. For this reason only five young women are enrolled in the class but these are enthusiastic and entering into the work with spirit so that it is hoped the quality will make up for quantity.

The spiritual side of the work is ever in the thoughts of the Principal and this year a week of special meetings for the deepening of the spiritual life of the girls was held with great blessing. Mrs. Kim, the Bible women of the West Gate Church in Pyangyang, was secured as special speaker and Miss Stevens herself taught a class which studied the first epistle of John. Toward the close of the week two girls showed in their prayer that they were particularly in earnest and Miss Stevens took them into a prayer conference with her to choose a third, and these three chose a fourth and so on until nine had been chosen to be leaders of prayer groups which included all the girls, meeting once a week. Besides this these leaders met separately with Miss Stevens once during the week. These prayer groups proved of great benefit to the life of the school, conserving the blessings of the special meetings and leading many of the girls to pray in the presence of others, who had seldom, if ever, done so before.

Twenty seven girls were graduated and sent out from the second year High school, finishing what was then the course of the school. Ten girls were graduated from the lower school course to continue their work in the High school course. It is hoped that the class which graduates next year will be the last to remain under the school influences only the inadequate space of two years and that the experimental stage in the Home Vocations course will have been passed and permanent incorporation into the curriculum been accomplished with every prospect for a fourth year of like nature being added very soon.

The work department in the school has been more and more of a problem. Girls are given an opportunity to partly earn their way through school by doing embroidery work but the problems involved are very great ^{and} varied making it exceedingly difficult to carry on. Miss Ingerson looks after this work but she has been on furlough this year so others have had to take the burden. Mrs. Hoffman has borne part of it and, while in the station, Mrs. Lange helped, and the remainder has fallen on Miss Stevens. There are ~~seven~~ ^{ten} girls now in this department, the numbers having been gradually reduced year by year with the increase of the difficulties.

The Station is in hearty co-operation with the union program of the Missions in this country for agricultural work. While not much in tangible results can be shown for the past year, there are a number of Farmers in the territory who are being helped. These are all Christian men as the work is carried on for the benefit of the church and its constituency. During the winter there were two classes in this territory included in the general program for the whole country, one here in Syenokun and the other in a place in the Nongchun Presbytery. A third was arranged for a place in the Wisan Presbytery but had to be called off because the police did not think it wise to have a gathering of this kind so near the Manchurian Border in times like there then were.

Mr. Campbell has been assigned by the Mission to work in the Union Agricultural program, looking after the department of Agricultural Engineering. He took part in these classes as well as a number of others over the northern part of the country during the winter. He was also called to Pyongyang last Fall for a protracted stay in working out some practical problems along this line.

Station members have many privileges of service locally each year which come at the invitation of the churches. Long years ago the churches in the town became entirely self-sufficient and our only connections with them have been through these personal invitations. There are now four well organized churches which are making definite inroads into the Devil's territory. Three of the ladies, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Ohisholm act as Superintendant of the Women's Sunday Schools in three of these churches, which gives them an opportunity to know and help the women of the community. All the Station members who were in town were invited to help in the two annual Presbyterian Bible Classes, one for all workers^{and} members and one especially for women. Increased attendance and enthusiasm brought great blessing to all who had a part, both teachers and those taught. Many more local work opportunities are accorded to individuals, such as service on the Board of Directors of local Christian Kindergarten, Young men's and Young women's Christian associations, preaching in the churches, helping with choirs and other young people's activities and many other ways. These privileges are all prized by those who receive them and we pray that we may have grace to always use them to the fullest for His Glory and praise.

Mrs. Ross, with the help of Mrs. Campbell and a Bible woman, has conducted a Better-Babies clinic for the women of the town during the winter, which has been a great blessing to many. We have almost no facilities for this work so that only the simplest things could be undertaken but it is, at least a start and many mothers have learned some things about the care of babies and cases requiring the care of a physician found and sent to the Hospital. It is our hope that both the demand and the facilities for this work will grow steadily as the need is desperate.

As a community we record our humble thanksgiving to the Father for His care of us. There have been no serious illnesses or mishaps to impair health and usefulness. We have been happy to receive, as usual, many guests, both from the westerners living in this land and those traveling from other lands. The work of all the ladies as home-makers does its part to keep all the workers fit and in service, and while there is not much about this to put into a report, we are all grateful for the privilege of maintaining Christian Homes in this land as a witness to his love and care. The Mission gave permission for Dr. Lampe to have his family reside in Pyongyang this last winter in the home of a family who were on furlough, in order that the advantages of School attendance might be obtained for the children, especially those too young to be admitted to the dormitory. We are glad, as a Station, to share in the joy this spring of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman in the arrival of a daughter, Claire Sidney.

We now close our report by simply joining with other redeemed ones in the words of the beautiful old Hymn

Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the Throne;
Hallelujah! His the triumph, His the Victory alone.